

DAY OF DAYS IN GREAT REVIVAL

RECORD BREAKING CROWDS ATTEND SERVICES

Almost Three Thousand Have Accepted the Teachings of Christ Since Campaign Began

TODAY'S PROGRAM

- 11 o'clock—Good Cheer meeting, First Methodist church, all evangelists and ministers.
- 12—Noonday meeting, Blanchard hall, W. E. Biederwolf.
- 3:30—Children's meeting, Pico Heights M. E. church, speaker, C. T. Schaeffer.
- 7:30 p. m.—Meetings in every district.
- First Methodist church—Speaker, Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman.
- Immanuel Presbyterian Church—Speaker, Henry Ostrom.
- University M. E. Church—Speaker, W. E. Biederwolf.
- Boyle Heights M. E. Church—Speaker, H. W. Stough.
- Asbury M. E. Church—Speaker, John H. Elliott.
- Olivet Congregational Church—Speaker, Tilman Hobson.
- Advance Buggy Company Building—Speaker, R. A. Walton.

Yesterday was the day of days in the great revival campaign.

Never before in the history of Los Angeles has there been a time when so many listened to the word of God.

The day opened the third week of the work of the evangelists and as a result of their labors almost 3000 men and women have become professing Christians.

The gospel of Christ was preached in every part of the city, the hymns of Christ were sung by thousands of voices and the hearts of men were expectant.

In the morning there were services in all the churches preparatory to the other work of the day. In the afternoon there were the two men's mass meetings in the central district, as well as special meetings for young people in all the districts.

In the evening the crowning success of the day arrived when through flocked to the meetings, filling the churches and making it necessary to hold from two to three overflow meetings in each district.

This week the evangelists will carry their work into fields which have hitherto been untended by them. They will hold several meetings on the streets and will make special trips on the cars to the outlying towns and villages, where they will hold meetings.

UNABLE TO GAIN ADMISSION

Three Overflow Meetings Not Enough to Accommodate the Crowds

Only a small portion of the people who started out to attend the meeting in the First Methodist church succeeded in gaining admission, for there were so many that not only this church but also three others were filled. When every seat in the church was filled, the people were told to go to the basement, where Rev. J. H. Thompson, who is Dr. Chapman's head assistant in personal work, conducted a meeting. This place soon became inadequate, and before every one was accommodated Rev. Robert J. Burdette was preaching to a houseful at Simpson auditorium and Rev. Levi D. Barr at the German M. E. church.

After Dr. Chapman had finished his sermon, an after meeting was held which was different from everything previously held.

As soon as the people left the church who did not care to stay for the after meeting, others who had been waiting outside the doors in the hope of being able to hear even a little came in and occupied the seats. Dr. Chapman stated that he was sure that if Dr. McIntyre was not given a chance to tell some of the things which were filling his heart the consequences might be serious.

Dr. McIntyre arose and said that Dr. Chapman had told just what was true.

"If he just will give me a chance to praise my Savior, I certainly will not refuse it. I have been praising God during every waking minute for two weeks, and I think that we should all do a great deal of praising for the work which he has done here.

"The revival is breaking out everywhere. Men are listening, women are inquiring and even children are feeling the power. Hundreds of letters carry the glad tidings all over the land, telling of souls redeemed, manacles broken and shackles destroyed. We are beginning to see our church what it should be. Our town now is better than it ever was in all its history, and today was the brightest day of all my life. If heaven had ever given me a singing voice, I would go up and down the streets singing like a lark on the prairie."

Dr. McIntyre's fact lit up as he said the words and when he took his seat on the platform again he looked like a man in a dream. His statement was followed by others all given in the same tone of sincere joy. People of all nationalities testified. An Englishman said that he had become a Christian after coming to this country and that before he came he had almost broken his mother's heart. Dr. Chapman asked if his mother knew. "Bet your life," was the prompt response.

A man from Santa Barbara mission who has been working among the Mexicans of that city said that he had left

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his wife and children for the first time in his life and that his letters home told of the work in this city.

Old Style Revivalist

There was only one woman who went beyond the bounds of modern revivalism, and she evidently thought herself back in the days when shouting and handclapping were the order of the time, for she did both with a vengeance.

The testimony of one young man was received with great pleasure by the workers. He had been converted by the evangelists some time ago but had strayed from the paths of orthodoxy and joined the ranks of the followers of B. Fay Mills. He said that twice he had been relieved by Francis Murphy, but that he had sunk lower and lower until he had become a drunkard again. Last night he held the Bible up in his hand and declared, "I want to thank God that he has brought me back to the true faith again and that he has given me back this book as it is."

One of the women who has been working among the prisoners at the jails said that the revival had even penetrated to them and asked that prayers be offered for the prisoners.

Dr. Chapman preached a strong sermon. He took as his text, "Zaccheus Make Haste and Come Down." Luke 19:5. "The Son of Man is come to seek that which was lost." Luke 19:10.

He said: "These two texts form a part of the story of the meeting of two men, very different from each other. The one is Zaccheus the publican, a rich man because he was a tax gatherer and had defrauded the people. The other is the Son of God who was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor. The one comes down from the presence of God and the company of the angels, the other from the sycamore tree and from his doubt, and the result of the meeting of the sinner and the seeking savior was the salvation of the sinner.

"But if we are not united in this work we shall not be in the next. Between the saved and the lost there is a great gulf fixed and no man can pass over it. Today, however, is the day of salvation, and we may know Christ if we will."

URGES MEN TO ACCEPT CHRIST

Throng Press Forward to Altar at After Meeting

The men's meeting in the First Methodist church yesterday afternoon was one that will never be forgotten by those who attended. Those who have been associated with Dr. Chapman in his work in other cities say that the great evangelist was at his best and his earnest words made a strong impression on the men who filled the church.

The chorus was made up entirely of men, led by Charles Allen. Fred Butler sang two selections.

The most impressive part of the whole service was the after meeting held in the basement of the church. The majority of the men who attended the meeting stayed for this and even the standing room was occupied. Dr. Chapman made an appeal to men which led them to crowd to the front of the platform and acknowledge that they had accepted the message of the Savior which he brought to them.

Dr. Chapman's sermon was "A Startling Announcement" and his text was: "After this the judgment." Hebrews 9:27.

He said: "In this text which I have chosen I have portion of a verse of Scripture in which all men everywhere have believed. It may be that they do not fully believe in the inspiration of the Scriptures but they accept this statement, and it may be also that they do not accept our belief in the existence of God, however, they stand with us in a firm belief in a part of this Scripture which is my text. Certainly it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment, this is the whole text. It is a startling announcement. There are certain reasons why the subject of the judgment is a striking one.

"It is personal—I doubt not there are many people whose eyes may light upon this message who know of dear ones who would willingly die for them. That one might be your mother, your wife, your friend, but no one of them could stand before God in your behalf. The judgment is very personal.

"It makes men think—I am inclined to think that the easiest person to reach with the gospel is a man.

"But you never can reach a man with the gospel until you make him think. The attraction of the world is too strong and the fascination of sin is too great, but if you can make him think,

you have half won him, and there are few things that take hold of the conscience and the life like the thought of the judgment.

"The judgment is a place of meeting. We shall meet our conscience. I can give a definition of conscience which the unconverted man can accept. Conscience is something which approves when we are right and disapproves when we are wrong; it is that something within that makes us bow our heads in shame when we know that other people know that we are wrong."

TALKS TO YOUNG PEOPLE

Dr. Elliott Points Dangers of Certain Amusements

A special afternoon meeting was held in the fifth district where Dr. Elliott spoke in the Asbury M. E. church to a large audience of young people on the subject: "The Christian Attitude Toward Amusements." He said in part: "Our Lord's simple condition to all who would enter and pursue the Christian life was summed up in the words recorded in Mark 8:34. Whosoever will come after me let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.

"The very first step in the Christian life therefore is a step of self denial and every succeeding step is like unto it. Self stands in front of every sin and until self consents sin cannot greatly tempt one.

"Have you had it out with self yet? or must the old fight be waged over and over again every time temptation comes?

"Two sets of voices call to the soul hourly. One set call toward heaven and the other toward hell. To which does your heart respond? What an example Jesus gave of self denial and the good that comes from it.

"To follow Christ means more than a polite assent to the truths of the gospel. Anybody can do that. It means squarely turning away from the world's idea of simply pleasing self at the cost of all else and boldly doing right because it is right. The worldling's idea is to please self at the cost of everybody else if necessary while the Christian idea is to deny self for the good of others and find in this the highest form of true pleasure and enjoyment. Which is the higher type of the two? Merely keeping from doing wrong is not all that is included, however, that is only negative and some young people are of forever being told what they must not do. The Christian life also includes the heroic taking up of the cross, not the mere doing of disagreeable religious duties but the honest taking of one's place at the side of Christ and right, no matter what the cost.

Once having seen and taken this position the Christian attitude toward questionable amusements is made perfectly clear. Ask yourself the question. Will what I do benefit and improve this body of mine? Will what I do enlarge the circle of my influence for good? Will what I do bring me as much real and lasting pleasure as to deny myself of it for my good and the good of others?"

Evening Service

At the evening service Dr. Elliott spoke to an immense audience which filled the church and overflowed into the Christian church across the street, where Rev. Mr. Buell preached.

Dr. Elliott spoke on "Excuses." He said: "There are two kinds of excuse makers in the church and out of the church. Those who say 'I lack assurance,' but why not know? the basis of your hope must not be your feelings for these change but the sure word of God. Some say 'I haven't time.' Time, yes you have all the time there is, for all your time is God's time and you must account for every hour of it.

"Outside of the church you say 'I don't understand the Bible.' Whoever told you that it is necessary to understand the Bible in order to be a Christian? It is not true, all you need to understand is that you are a sinner and that Christ died for sinners.

"Others say 'I am not a Christian because there are so many hypocrites in the church.' What becomes of hypocrites after death? They don't go to heaven. True, but where do they go? To the other place. Then if you continue in your present course where will you go? To the place where all hypocrites go and associate with them for all eternity."

SPEND THEIR OWN SOULS

Dr. Ostrom Pleads with Sinners to Repent

A large and enthusiastic meeting of men was held at Simpson auditorium yesterday afternoon. The Rev. Mr. Ostrom preached a powerful sermon

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on "Help the Spender." He dwelt upon the necessity of the integrity of men, the renewal of their vows to God and living the lives of the righteous. He said in part:

"When the bank breaks the first announcement usually is that the creditors will get refunded 100 cents on the dollar. But later it is 80 cents or perhaps 30. So the money slips through the fingers. Money is but the shadow. It is you that are going, yourself the coin. A man was reported in a St. Louis paper to have offered himself to be raffled, agreeing that he would be the property of the winner to do whatever he told him to do. Terrible? Yes but not unexceptional. Where are the millions who but during a few years have sold themselves for the contents of the bottle, for the indulgence of lust?

"Childhood innocence is gone. If I should bring an enlarged picture of you just as you looked when 3 years old this whole audience would jump to its feet to greet the sight.

"The good vows are gone. It is badness to lie to men, and it is badness to lie to God, but much more unwise to lie to God. The sense of moral value goes also.

"There is danger ahead when a man gets so he can stretch the truth easier today than yesterday. Some one should hang out red lights for us as soon as we begin to joke on mother's faith.

"Spending? Habit tells it; neglect declares it; the night whispers it; the day reveals it; life is full of it; death is frightful on account of it. Men spend their own souls. Our moral enemies are ready to turn the key in the door.

"Opportunities are considered valuable in education, real estate, battles and athletics. But in religion we stand and see them pass like the elevator in the office building, without giving the call.

"The neighbors are whispering that business is shaky. Falsehood would not let it out. Patching up the books will fall us. Crying hard times would not be accepted. The sheriff has us cornered in the office. Is there any friend in need? Where will we turn for help?

"Oh, hear me, hear me, brother. I have a friend who told me before the trouble came that he had assets for the whole debt. He told me that he would pay out for you at a minute's notice. He told me that he would stand erect and meet the neighbors and the sheriff, and all corners, perfectly solvent. Jesus, My friend, is your friend.

"Over against the awful bankruptcy I offer you Jesus the Savior. He is made of God to us wisdom. He can go through the tangled accounts. He is the power of God. He can lift the heavy debt. He himself is for you a ransom.

"He is the gift of love. In that one chapter, the fifth of Romans, there are four 'abounds' and four 'reigns' and four 'much more's.' It is the Christ whose gospel says, 'That ye always have all sufficiency in all things may abound.' The assets are sufficient.

"Are you ready to set up business by accepting his offer?"

At the close of the regular service a short after meeting was held. A large number went forward to the altar during the singing of the hymn "Just as I Am."

"WILD OATS," BAD HARVEST

Evangelist Declares Men Are Destroyed by Sins of Their Youth

At the Advance Buggy company's building, Dr. Walton preached on "Wild Oats," and his text was found in Galatians, 6-5: "Be not deceived, God is not mocked, and whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap," and dealt with the general subject of sowing and reaping. He evidently believes that a man who is committing sin is on his way to the devil, and he advanced the theory pretty strongly that every sin that was committed by a man was the stronger blast that bore him further and further from God. The doctor explained that the word "mock" meant to turn up the nose at, but he stated that to turn up the nose at God would not change the law of sowing and reaping.

"God warns us not to be caught in wild oats, and to prevent this he has flashed in the eyes of men many little red lights of danger.

"The hardest arguments that ever go on take place within a man's own breast—when a man wants to sin and yet fears the consequences.

"Sin is sugarcoated. The man who yields to temptation is caught in his wild oats and is led captive by Satan at his will. Obedience to law instead of obedience to passion is what men should seek.

"For a man to be swept off of his feet by the passion for sinful indulgence is the signal of his everlasting destruction."

The speaker described God's opposition to sin. Then he declared that sin banished a man farther from God and that hell was large enough for a man to continue to fall, falling through space to his everlasting banishment to a place where the light of heaven could never shine, and the everlasting

change of darkness would certainly encompass a man if he continued to go far enough in that direction.

The conclusion of the sermon was an appeal to turn to God before it was everlastingly too late, and let God deliver from the power of sin, and to draw nearer to him lest you be caught in your wild oats.

EVILS OF PROCRASTINATION

Dr. Biederwolf Pleads with His Hearers to Accept Religion of Christ

At the University Methodist church Dr. Biederwolf spoke from a text taken from the eighth chapter of Exodus: "And he said tomorrow."

The speaker summed up his discourse by saying: "Some people say that they will wait till they can understand more, but if you are to believe nothing save what you can understand you leave no room at all for faith, and both worlds become for you cold and dark and cheerless.

"Put it off—put it off—tomorrow will even be as today."

The speaker made a strong plea to his hearers, in which he pointed out the danger of procrastination.

Dr. Biederwolf will speak to the students of the University of Southern California today at 10 o'clock.

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